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CITY ATTORNEY TO MEET WITH EL CERRITO COMMUNITY OVER PROTEST OF MINI-DORM PROJECTS

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: 5463 Adams Avenue (Cross Street 54th Street)
Community of El Cerrito**

City Attorney Michael Aguirre has accepted an invitation to meet with members of the El Cerrito Neighborhood Preservation who are protesting the development of mini-dorms that are located in single family residences in their community. Last Friday, the City Attorney advised the City's Development Services Department (DSD) to tighten regulations for mini-dorms by evaluating "mini-dorm" projects as multi-family residences.

In the April 13, 2007 letter to DSD Director Marcela Escobar-Eck, City Attorney Aguirre states that "when a single family dwelling is expanded such that its impacts are equivalent to a multi-family dwelling, as in the case of 'mini-dorms,' then the appropriate regulations must follow." The letter also includes a questionnaire developed by the City Attorney's Office to help determine whether a conversion from a single to a multi-family dwelling unit is about to occur. The questionnaire would be completed by project applicants for permits for development in the Residential Single Zone.

In addition, on June 25, 2007, the City Council will be hearing proposed amendments to the City's Municipal Code to address the mini-dorm issues.

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